



Life Under the Sun: What's the Point?

Brent Moody · Ecclesiastes 2:22–26 · Series: **Life Under the Sun**

INTRODUCTION

- Carl Jung, a psychologist and philosopher said, man cannot stand a meaningless life.
- Any purpose that doesn't have God at its center, at some point we realize just has nothing to it.

1 Life Under the Sun Is Full of Weariness

- What he's talking about here is looking at life under the sun from ground level.
- What has been will always be, the wise man says, and what has been done is what will be done. And there's nothing new under the sun.
- From an under-the-sun perspective, when we look around the world, life is just full of weariness.
- There's also some security in the fact that God has created things to happen in certain ways.

2 God Is in Heaven and We Are on Earth

- Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few.
- There are things that belong to God. There are things that are his that he controls that we couldn't even understand.
- Life isn't all about me. It's not about me always understanding everything.
- The goal is for them to have a knowledge of him and to honor him, to praise him for who he is. It's about something bigger than me.

3 Whatever God Does Endures Forever

- Whatever God does, he says in chapter 3 and verse 14, endures forever. The things I do will be forgotten.
- This is why it's so important to attach to God Himself, be connected to Him, the things of God will endure forever.
- Whatever I'm seeing on ground level under the sun is a limited perspective. But what I do know is that God works in all things for the good.

4 In Much Wisdom Is Much Vexation

Ecclesiastes 2:3; Ecclesiastes 2:13

- From an under the sun perspective, the more you learn, the harder it is.
- For in much wisdom is much vexation. And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.
- It's not the what that matters, but it is the who. Who are we seeking? And why are we seeking it?

- Even though the world often fails to make sense, it's still better to live wise because it's the right thing to do.

5 Joy Comes With Connection to God

Ecclesiastes 2:22–26

- What's the point? The point is to live our life with an awareness of God.
- Enjoy the things that you have, but it has to be done from the right perspective and the right mindset. Joy comes with connection to God.
- This also I saw is from the hand of God. For apart from him, who can eat or who can have enjoyment?
- So the difference isn't in the things. It's not in all the stuff. It's in the perspective that we bring to it.
- Apart from God, we're just gathering sticks.

6 Jesus Is the Answer

1 John 2:15–17; 1 John 2:1

- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- It's found in seeking to please God in all circumstances. Seeing life as God's gift.
- But what actually matters is Jesus Christ and living my life in a way that conveys that.
- There is light through Jesus Christ. He is the light of the world.

THE CHALLENGE

As we go out into the world this week, that we find Jesus and the things around us, and we convey that to the people in our lives.

MY NOTES
